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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT [IDS]**

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Sir:

This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted in accordance with 37 CFR §§1.97, 1.98, and it is requested that the information set forth in this statement and in the listed documents be considered during the pendency of the above-identified application, and any other application relying on the filing date of the above-identified application or cross-referencing it as a related application.

The cited NPL references are being made of record for purposes of discussion of §112 rejections, and are not believed to be relevant to patentability under § 102 or §103; moreover one reference has a publication date (2007) that is later than the present priority date (2002). The cited US patent document was disclosed in the specification as filed (at page 2, line 37), so it was known to the Examiner from the start of examination of this application.

**[XX] 1. This IDS should be considered, in accordance with 37 CFR §1.97, as it is filed:**

☐ A. within three months of the filing date of the above-identified national application or within three months of the entry into the national stage of the above-identified international application.

☐ B. **before the mailing date of a first office action on the merits or before the mailing of a first Office action after the filing of a Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR §1.114; or**

☒ C. after (A) and (B) above, but before final rejection or allowance, and Applicant has made the necessary certification (box "i" below) or paid the necessary fee (box "ii" below):

☐ i. Counsel certifies that, upon information and belief, each item of information listed herein either was

☐ (a) first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this IDS;  
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**[XX] ii. Credit Card Payment Form, PTO-2038, is attached authorizing payment of the fee set forth in 37 CFR §1.17(p), presently believed to be \$180. If the enclosed payment is incorrect, please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-4035 of the undersigned.**

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- ☐ (a) first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this IDS; or
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**[XX] 2. In accordance with 37 CFR §1.98, this IDS includes a list (e.g., form BN/SB/08A/B) of all patents, publications, or other information submitted for consideration by the office, either incorporated into this IDS or as an attachment hereto. Other than U.S. patent(s) and/or published U.S. application(s), which 37 CFR §1.98(a)(2)(ii) does not require to be filed unless specifically required by the Office, a copy of each document listed is attached, except as explained below:**

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Respectfully submitted,

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